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**FTC ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF TESTING OF TAR
AND NICOTINE CONTENT OF CIGARETTES**

The Federal Trade Commission today released the results of its latest tests for tar and nicotine content of 145 varieties of domestic cigarettes.

Of the cigarettes tested, the tar content varied from 2 to 31 milligrams, and the nicotine content ranged from .2 to 2.1 milligrams.

The tests just completed marked the sixteenth time that the FTC has listed tar and nicotine content data for all varieties of domestic cigarettes obtained from a single testing period.

The Commission began testing domestic cigarettes for tar and nicotine content in 1967 in response to requests for such testing by Senator Warren G. Magnuson, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, and other persons and groups.

Samples used in the testing were obtained by attempting to purchase two packages of each variety of cigarettes as distributed by the seven domestic cigarette manufacturers from August to October 1975 in each of 50 geographic locations throughout the country. All varieties of cigarettes were not available in each of the 50 geographic locations and in these instances, one or more additional packages of cigarettes were purchased in those geographic locations where respective varieties were available.

Details of the test results may be obtained from Legal and Public Records, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

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